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SUBJECT: PARIS VISIT OF PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER

BEIRUT FOR AMBASSADOR; GENEVA SOR CSCE

- 1. SUMMARY: ACCORDING QUI QPORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER PATRICIO MADE OFFICIAL PARIS VISIT JANUARY 7-10 TO ASK FOR FRENCH UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR GOP AFRICAN POLICY, AND LEFT WITH GOF UNDERSTANDING BUT NOT SUPPORT. END SUMMARY.
- 2. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR SOUTHERN EUROPE GELADE TOLD EMBOFF JANUARY 12 THAT BASIS FOR PATRICIO'S VISIT GOES BACK TO DEIEMBER 1972 WHEN FRANCE VOTED FOR UNANIMOUSLY-ADOPTED UNSC RESOLUTION FAVORING INDEPENDENCE FOR PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES. PATRIIIO AT THAT TIME ASKED FOR MEETING WITH THEN FOREIGN MINISTER SCHUMANN, WHICH WAS AGREED TO BUT REPEATEDLY POSTPONED UNTIL JOBERT SCHEDULED IT CONFIDENTIAL

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JANUARY 7-10. MANWHILE GOF ABSTAINED ON CERTAIN

UNGA RESOLUTIONS WHICH FURTHER IMPAIRED ITS RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL, MAIN OBJECTIVE WAS THEREFORE FOR PATRICIO TO PLEAD PORTUGUESE CASE, WHICH HE DID AT GREAT LENGTH AND WITH SOME EFFECTIVENESS ACCORDING TO GELAEE. JOBERT HAD SHOWN INTEREST IN PORTUGUESE DOCTRINE OF AFRICANIZATION TS ITS CADRES, LEADING TO EVENTUAL MULTI-RACIAL STATE. HE HAD LISTENED RESPECT-FULLY TO PATRICIO'S INSISTENCE THAT AFRICANS NOT ABLE RULE THEMSELVES, AND THAT CHINESE AND SOVIETS FILLED VACUUM LEFT BY EUROPEANS IN AFRICA. WHEN PATRICIO ASKED FOR FRENCH SUPPORT ON UN VOTES, JOBERT REPLIED IN UNMISTABKEABLE TERMS THAT SUCH FRENCH SUPPORT IN UN WAS IMPOSSIBLE. HE SAID PORTUGAL WAS FIGHTING A LOST BATTLE IN AFRICA AND THAT GOP MUST RECOGNIZE THAT FRANCE PURSUES A THIRD WORLD POLICY WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO PRODUCE UN VOTES ANTITHETICAL TO PORTUGUESE POSITIONS.

- 3. JOBERT ASSURED PATRICIO THAT FRANCE WOULD ABSTAIN ON UN VOTES WHICH HAD EFFECT OF RECOGNIZING INDEPENDENCE OF GUINEA-BISSAU. REGARDING OTHER PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA HE SAID PORTUGAL WOULD HAVE TO GIVE FRANCE BASIS FOR SUPPORTING IT BY LIBERALIZING ITS POLICIES.
- 4. PERIPHERAL SUBJECTS DISCUSSED INCLUDED CSCE WHERE, GELADE SUSPECTS, PORTUGUESE ARE HOLDING CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS. PATRICIO SAID HE FAVORS FOLLOW-UP ORGANIZATION TO CSCE (AS OPPOSED TO FRANCE) SINCE THIS WOULD OFFER VENUE FOR MEETINGS WITH NON-NATO EUROPEANS, INCLUDING NEUTRALS AND EASTERN EUROPEANS, WHOM THEY OTHERWISE HAVE FEW OPPORTUNITIES TO ENCOUNTER. PATRICIO ALSO MADE CLEAR HIS OPPOSITION TO ALGERIANS OR ANY OTHER AFRICANS BEING ACCORDED VOICE IN CSCE OR ANY OTHER EUROPEAN CONFERENCES.
- 5. COMMENT: ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE ON PORTUGUESE MIGRANT LABORERS REQUIRES GOF TO MAINTAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH LISBON DESPITE PRESSURES FROM ITS AFRICAN FRIENDS. CONFIDENTIAL

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